

Elba Homecoming 2023

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Sunbelt Solomon celebrates grand opening of Elba, Alabama location

Sunbelt Solomon Services ("Sunbelt Solomon" or "SSS" or "The Company"), a leading provider of customized and sustainable electrical power solutions and services, announced Monday, Oct. 23, the official opening of a 23,000-square-foot service center in Elba, Ala., marking another milestone in the Company's multi-year growth strategy.

The new facility is Sunbelt Solomon's 17th North American location and first in Alabama. Located at 2450 Industrial Blvd, the service center employs 50 people and offers transformer repair and recycling, field services and equipment rentals.

The Elba facility will be a hub for Sunbelt Solomon's new Fastrack expedited repair service. There are also plans to expand this

operation by adding 50 new positions in 2024.

The greenfield facility builds upon Sunbelt Solomon's existing operations in the state, following its March 2023 acquisition of Holland Industrial Services in Bay Minette. The acquisition enhanced Sunbelt Solomon's service offerings and ability to provide cutting-edge power solutions to the Company's utility, renewable, oil and gas, commercial, and industrial customers.

"We are thrilled to establish a presence in the Elba community and be closer to many of our valuable customers. This new location is reflective of our continued business growth and commitment to offering jobs and supporting the economies of the areas we service," said Gus Cedeño, CEO of Sunbelt Solomon. "We look



Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, along with other state and local dignitaries, joined Sunbelt Solomon's CEO Gus Cedeño and Elba Mayor Tom Maddox at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony held Monday morning, Oct. 23, in Elba.

forward to creating better customer experiences and deeper connections with those we work with in Alabama and throughout the region."

On Monday, customers and community members were invited to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony with Sunbelt Solomon's team. In attendance alongside Cedeño were distinguished guests including Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and various other state and local dignitaries.

"It is a pleasure to be in Elba today to celebrate an exciting day for this community and to give a warm Alabama welcome to Sunbelt Solomon,"

Governor Ivey said as she addressed those gathered for the special ceremony. "Sunbelt Solomon has solidified itself as one of the top utility solutions companies in the United States. I am very proud to now have them here in Alabama."

The governor said the \$5 million investment made by Sunbelt Solomon in Elba will create over 50 high-wage jobs and serve as a

major asset for the community and for Alabama.

"To Gus and the rest of the folks at Sunbelt Solomon...I say thank you for choosing to do business in the State of Alabama. I can promise you...you won't regret it," Governor Ivey concluded.

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox also was elated to be a part of the opening for Sunbelt Solomon on Monday. He

said it was certainly a great day for the City of Elba.

"From the start, I had a good feeling this was a company we would like to have locate her in lower Alabama," Maddox said. "Our desire was to make them feel wanted and to let them know we were in complete support of them

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Sunbelt Solomon's CEO Gus Cedeño welcomes Alabama Governor Kay Ivey to the grand opening ceremony for the new Sunbelt Solomon facility in Elba.

Deputies arrest Kinston man on drug manufacture charge

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested a Kinston man last Friday evening, Oct. 20, in drug manufacturing charges.

According to the Coffee County Jail report, Presley Johnson, age 62, of Kinston, Ala., was arrested and booked into the jail at 7:22 p.m. last Friday evening. He was charged with first-degree manufacture of a controlled substance [\$50,000 bond], and a misdemeanor count of drug paraphernalia possession [\$2,500 bond].

As of press time this week, Johnson remained in the Coffee County Jail.



Elba High Alumni Association to meet for Homecoming

It's 'Homecoming Week' in Elba, which means the Elba High School Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting this Friday, Oct. 27, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Elba Country Club.

An optional lunch will be available at the meeting and will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, and a green. The cost is \$12.

"This is always an exciting time for our association because we get to see old friends at Homecoming," said Linda Hodge, president of the alumni association. "We also use this time for fundraising efforts to allow the association to continue to support Elba City Schools and provide scholarships to graduating seniors."

Over seven years now, the Elba High School Alumni Association has provided 19 scholarships totaling \$24,500.00 for Elba High School seniors. Furthermore, over the years, the association has assisted

Elba City Schools monetarily in projects "Fortunately, the list of things we are able to help with grows each year, in thanks to the continued support of our alumni," Hodge said. "Most recently, the association provided \$2,000 to help purchase 'Elba Pride' t-shirts for all current Elba City Schools students. This was a joint effort with other contributors."

Currently the association is conducting its annual membership drive. To renew or become a member of the Elba High School Alumni Association, it only costs \$20 per year. Also, the association is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,000 in gas. These tickets can be purchased one for \$20 or three for \$50. The winner will be announced after halftime of Friday night's homecoming football game.

Tickets will be on sale at the annual meeting Friday and a booth will be set up prior to the game Friday night.



Elba native Gunter Akridge (far right) celebrated his new book with a book signing event last Saturday, Oct. 21, at Son Exposure in downtown Elba. According to Akridge, his book, "Kill the Dragon," is not only helping people recognize "the dragon" in themselves but also realize that what actually hurt them wasn't God or even people in their lives. It was what influenced those people - a harmful religious mindset that he symbolizes using a dragon. Akridge is the founding pastor of The Dwelling Church in Savannah, Georgia, where he lives alongside his wife Bethany and their three children. Pictured above with Gunter at last week's book signing event is his wife Bethany (left) and Elba Mayor Tom Maddox and his wife Alice (center).

Elba W&E board approves water rate increase

The Elba Water and Electric Board voted Monday night, Oct. 23, to increase all water rates by three percent. This increase will be effective on the bill received/payable in November for October usage.

The board had not increased rates since June 2021.

There had been much discussion by the previous board and current board members that if rates were increased each year by the inflation rate, then hopefully that would prevent the need for a notable increase. For most water customers this increase will be less than one dollar per month.

A customer that uses minimum usage was paying \$18.66. The new three percent increase will be \$0.56, making the new charge for minimum usage be \$19.22. A customer who uses 3,000 gallons of water a month was paying \$22.47, but will now pay \$23.14.

Pumpkins on the Square set for Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Elba

The City of Elba is gearing up for its annual Halloween event - Pumpkins on the Square, scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 31, on Court-house Square in downtown Elba.

The event, which prom-

ises to be a fun-filled evening for locals and tourists alike, begins at 6 p.m. and will feature free candy, a haunted hayride, a unique Witch Ride, a costume contest, food vendors, and live music.

Pumpkins on the Square is not just about fun and games; it also serves a noble cause. The event's haunted hayride and bouncy house proceeds will go towards organizations at Elba High School.

There is no admission fee to the event as area businesses and organizations give out free candy to the kids. Also, the Coffee County Farm City Association will be offering free boiled peanuts during Pumpkins on the Square. The event's costume contest is free to enter and begins at 7 p.m. on the main stage.

There are fees for food vendors, games and activities.

New to the event this year, a 'Witches Ride' will kick-off the evening at 5:30 p.m., with participants encouraged to Halloween dress-up as witches. Bicycles, golf carts, etc. are invited. The ride will begin at the circle driveway of the Elba Recreation Department [764 Claxton Ave], cover the short distance from there to the Square, with participants throwing candy to spectators.

CITY OF ELBA WATER RATES

Effective October 01, 2023

First	2,000 gallons	\$19.22 minimum
Next	3,000 gallons	\$3.92 per 1,000 gallons
Next	3,500 gallons	\$3.77 per 1,000 gallons
Next	2,500 gallons	\$2.20 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,500 gallons	\$2.04 per 1,000 gallons
Next	980,500 gallons	\$1.78 per 1,000 gallons
All over	1,002,000 gals.	\$1.36 per 1,000 gallons

RURAL WATER RATES

First	2,000 gallons	\$21.37 minimum
Next	3,000 gallons	\$4.45 per 1,000 gallons
Next	3,500 gallons	\$4.30 per 1,000 gallons
Next	2,500 gallons	\$2.72 per 1,000 gallons
Next	10,500 gallons	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
Over	21,500 gallons	\$2.94 per 1,000 gallons

Area Happenings

Elba's Homecoming Bonfire will be Thursday, Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. on the Elba City Schools campus.

The October 2023 meeting for the DAV Wiregrass Chapter 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be Thursday Oct. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Brockton Senior Center. Chapter 99 maintains a help desk located at the New Brockton Town Hall. Hours of operation are 9 - 11 a.m. on Wednesday of each week. This is a free service to anyone desiring help with a VA claim. For further information contact Charles Lobdell at 334-718-5707 or Mike Doran at 334-406-6700.

Elba's Neighborhood Trick-or-Treating will be Saturday, Oct. 28, from 5-7 p.m. Those wishing to participate and welcome trick-or-treaters are asked to leave their porch light on while those not wishing to participate are asked to turn the porch light off.

The next Elba Lions Club meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 31, in downtown Elba on the square at 6 p.m. Club members will participate in Pumpkins on the Square. All members are urged to wear their Lion's vest.

The Elba Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, Nov. 2, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall, located at 200 Buford Street in Elba.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I fell in love with my country when I was a prisoner in someone else's" – John McCain

At least seven people were killed in a slew of crashes along Interstate 55 in heavy Louisiana fog that involved at least 158 vehicles, police say. It would be easy to blame the individual drivers for "driving too fast", but that would be misleading. Often motorists are stopped because of the wrecks ahead when another vehicle plows into them before realizing the fog-shrouded vehicle ahead of them is stopped.

Donald Trump is of course running for another term as president. Alarming news to no one due the load of free publicity he is getting from virtually all news sources. He has cleverly latched on the many court actions and turned them into campaign platforms all at little or no cost to his campaign war chest.

Minnesota's Tom Emmer won the House of Representative GOP's speakership nomination after a grueling set of secret ballots on Tuesday of this week. However, others have gotten this far in recent weeks, only to be shot down when their name is placed before the full membership of the House. For a person to win these days he (or she) would have to get virtually every Republican vote in the House or charm some Democrats to 'cross the aisle'. That has proven to be a stumbling block as members have varying agendas and dream of installing a speaker who supports those ideas.

Several weeks ago during National Newspaper Week, Linda and yours truly were each given a handmade 'rug' or floor mat by a dear friend. We opened ours after getting home and there was a note about 'using it to brush the dirt off our shoes.' The immediate reaction was, "Thanks Nell but there is no way we are putting that pretty 'black and white - re(a)d all over' thing on the floor to be stomped on"! It is now the focal point on a sofa as you step in the back door at home. It is alright for someone to lean back on it but KEEP YOUR MUDDY FEET OFF – or face the wrath of your grumpy old host.

Sunbelt Solomon is officially open in their new Elba plant that represents a multi-million dollar investment and employment for 50 people. Plans have already been announced for adding an additional 50 employees in 2024. This firm is located on Industrial Blvd, in the former Hickman Moving building. Governor Kay Ivey was one of the dignitaries welcoming them to Elba on Monday of this week. This firm builds and repairs electric transformers in seventeen plants around the nation, in addition to the new Elba facility. Our gut feeling is they are a class act and will be good for Elba.

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locating here. We can certainly see the importance of adding 50-plus new jobs to the community." Maddox said the Sunbelt Solomon employees would

add to the city's economy by making purchases, and he said he hoped those that did not already call Elba home would consider doing so now.

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023, through Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –
Tuesday, Oct. 17 – Child abuse reported at a residence on County Rd 409 (8:05 a.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Lee and Reynolds streets (10:57 p.m.); Report of shots fired in area of Reynolds Ave and Jones Circle (11:29 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and two verbal warnings.
Wednesday, Oct. 18 – Grass fired reported at 2587 Old Curtis Rd (3:19 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1223 Neil Grantham Dr (6:04 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two written warnings, one citation, one arrest, and one advice given.
Thursday, Oct. 19 – Smell of smoke reported at 867 Herman Driggers Dr (8:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (11:16 a.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in three verbal warnings, three citations, and two written warnings.
Friday, Oct. 20 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 102 Claxton Ave (3:35 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1241 Farris Ave (5:14 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (10:30 a.m.); Harassment reported at 626 Mullins Circle (11:28 a.m.); Harassment reported at 834 Rebecca Lane (2:13 p.m.); Burglary reported at 6787

County Rd 410 (3:33 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported on Hwy 84 (5:20 p.m.); Harassing communications reported at 632 Claxton Ave (8:43 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1435 Smith Ave (11:00 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Mullins Circle – w/ arrest (11:49 p.m.). Seven traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, four citations, and two written warnings.
Saturday, Oct. 21 – Verbal altercation reported at 1241 Farris Ave (2:31 a.m.); Vehicle fire reported at 1404 Reese Ave (4:53 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1033 Morrow Ave (8:01 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Hwy 87 N (9:24 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (3:40 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 70 County Rd 530, New Brockton (5:03 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 712 Troy Hwy (5:58 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 610 N Troy Hwy (6:34 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 2540 Taylor Mill Rd (7:12 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1050 Neil Grantham Dr (8:50 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in five verbal warnings, and one arrest.
Sunday, Oct. 22 – One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.
Monday, Oct. 23 – Harassing communications reported at 1006 Sunset Blvd (8:20 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 606 Simmons St (10:13 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 735 Dixon St (11:04 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1705 Smith Ave (8:06 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 679 Lee St (9:39 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in two citations, and four verbal warnings.

Sunbelt Solomon is widely recognized for technical expertise, speed of service and standard of care within commercial, industrial, and utility markets. The company provides rental, repair, and field services to complement the supply of remanufactured and new electrical power and distribu-

tion equipment, including transformers and switchgear. SSS boasts an unparalleled scale, breadth of services, and a consistent track record of dependability among cooperative, investor-owned, and municipal utility customers, plus a diverse presence across many commercial and industrial verticals.

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Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Sister is special, and most everyone in Yonder knows that by now, but she took it to a new level last week when the gang went on a family trip to the mountains! Sister loves the mountains. She just doesn't want to stay at a cabin up in the mountains! The trip was to celebrate what would have been Papa and Mama's 50th wedding anniversary. Several months back, Lou Lou and Sister asked Papa where he would have wanted to take Mama on a trip for their 50th if she had still been with them. His answer was, "probably just go to the mountains."

for this special trip. It was a great trip. The only problem was that Sister did not like the roads, or should we say, trails that led to and from the gang's cabin. She let that be known each and every time a car ride was made to and from said cabin! On about the second day, Little Bean was in the car with the gang headed out for a little sight-seeing when Lou Lou overheard Sister talking to Little Bean in the backseat. "Your mama is driving like she knows these roads," Sister said to Little Bean. "I am going 20 miles per hour!" was Lou Lou's exasperated response. "Well...you need to be going 10 and in the middle of the road," Sister replied. Papa, as usual, just laughed and shook his head. Apparently, he learned a long time ago that the best thing for him to do is keep out of such things. This bantering continued the entire trip. On the gang's last night at the cabin, Lou Lou had Sister figured out when it comes to going to the mountains. "I've decided that you like to go SEE the mountains, but you don't actually want to be IN the mountains," Lou Lou said to Sister. "Exactly! I like the scenic part of the mountains...I like to be on floor level!" Sister confirmed. What do you do with that? Lou Lou had no comeback. Oh well...guess the gang's next trip to the mountains will find the gang either staying in a cabin at the bottom of the mountain or in a hotel! Doesn't matter that Lou Lou loved the quiet, serene location of the "two miles up" cabin, if the Sister isn't happy...no one is happy! Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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HAROLD LOYD JORDAN

Mr. Harold Loyd Jordan, age 95, of Jack, Ala., died Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023, at Enterprise Health and Rehabilitation Center in Enterprise, Ala.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 from Victoria Baptist Church with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial services followed in the Victoria Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directing. Memorial donations may be made to: Victoria Community Cemetery, 1222 County Road 220, Elba, AL 36323.

Mr. Jordan was preceded in death by his wife - Virginia Jordan; parents - Joe Cephus and Lilla Jones Jordan; daughter-in-law - Sandra Jordan; grandson - Jason Jordan; along with six brothers and sisters, and three brother- and sister-in-laws.

Survivors include his son: Danny (Pam) Jordan, Elba; grandson: Chris (Marsha) Jordan, Jack; granddaughters: Emily (Loyd) White, and Katie Driggers, both of Elba, and Michelle (Brent) Rhodes, Russellville, Ark.; great-grandchildren: Montana, Caleb, Blake, Preston, Corbin, Jason, Evelyn, Seth, and Jaden; and one great-great-grandson: Magnus.



ciating. Burial services will follow in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mrs. Chancellor was preceded in death by her parents - William and Voncile Morrow Wise Lord Fleming; brothers - Loyd and Frank Wise, and sister - Sue Wise Lovell.

Survivors include her husband: Kenneth Ray Chancellor, Newton; daughter: Sherri Chancellor Gordon (Lane), Dothan, Ala.; son: Scott Chancellor (Melissa), Dothan; grandchildren: Caroline Gordon Moore (Devin), Chancellor Gordon, Price Gordon (Taylor), Sam Chancellor (Camille), Will Chancellor, Wise Gordon, Abe Chancellor, Dozier Gordon, all of Dothan; brother: Fred Wise (Georgia Lou), Columbus, Ga.

SHIRLEY DAVIS MORROW

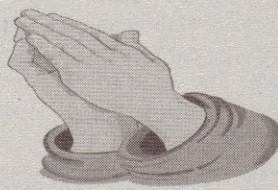
Mrs. Shirley Davis Morrow, age 80, a former resident of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023, at her home in Alabaster, Ala.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2023, at 12 noon, from the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba. Burial will follow under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday from 11-11:45 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Westside Baptist Church Children's Ministry, 1026 Caroline Street, Elba, AL 36323.

Mrs. Morrow was preceded in death by her husband - Dan Morrow; her parents - Lee and Shug Davis; and two siblings - Jerry and Brenda.

Survivors include her daughters: Paige Morrow (Sam) Fell, and Penny (Mark) Walker; grand-

children: Emma Frances Fell, Samantha Paige Fell, Laura Danielle Fell, Justin Elijah Walker, Judson Cole Walker, and Dannah Marie Walker; brothers, Donald (Donna) Davis, and Robert Davis; sisters: Leona Davis, Mandy Patterson, Linda Dansby, Debbie Nelson, and Tammy (Bud) Williams; along with a host of beloved nieces and nephews.



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION
CASE NUMBER
PC-2023-80

Witness my hand this the 19th day of October 2023.

/s/ Chequita Walker
Petitioner
10/26-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE WALKER, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION

A Petition for Summary Distribution of Small Estate of said deceased having been filed by the undersigned on the 19th day of October 2023 before the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Notice is hereby given that L&K Contracting Company, Inc. 4506 Hartford Hwy, Taylor, AL 36305 has completed all work on the USDA Water Improvement Martin Luther King Drive Water Main Replacements, in Elba, Alabama. All persons having any claim for

labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the above named contractor and the utilities Director of the Water Works & Electric Board of the City of Elba.
10-26 & 11-2, 9-chg

Additional Legal Notices are on Page 6 of Today's Paper!

Card of Thanks

The Family of Billy Gibbs would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

Sara, Deyon, Keith,
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JUDITH ANN CHANCELLOR

Mrs. Judith Ann "Judy" Chancellor, age 77, of Newton, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 23, 2023, at Signature Healthcare of North Florida in Graceville, Fla.



Funeral services will be held from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel in Elba, Ala., on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023, at 1 p.m., with Reverends Sam Tate, Bobby Etheridge and Donnie Marler offi-

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Heath Wyrosdick, Funeral Director/Embalmer

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Coping with the Unspoken Grief: The Loss of a Pregnancy or Infant

These days, it is common for people to opt for cremation following death. After a loved one is cremated, family members may wonder what they should do with their loved one's ashes. Some families may opt to scatter the ashes or keep them in a single urn in a specific location such as a cemetery niche. However, it is also possible to distribute the ashes among different people and places.

Keepsake urns or jewelry are a popular option for many families. Keepsake urns are smaller urns that hold a portion of the deceased's ashes. This idea is that the ashes can be divided up among family members who live in different places. Another option is to place some ashes in a piece of keepsake jewelry such as a pendant.

You can even distribute some of the ashes among different family members and then keep the remainder of the ashes in a cemetery. This way, everyone is able to keep their loved one close, but it also allows families to have a specific place to visit to remember and honor their loved one.

In some cases, people may wonder if it is acceptable to distribute ashes this way. With the exception of a view few religious sects, this distribution of ashes is just fine. Some religions have definite views against cremation. Generally speaking, if a religion allows for cremation it is also acceptable to store them in a single container, distribute them or scatter them.

The law as well doesn't have much to say on the topic. Unless there is a large family dispute over how the ashes should be stored or dispersed that must be settled in court, which is pretty rare, the law allows for families to do as they choose.

The most important thing to consider in these circumstances is the wishes of the deceased. Whenever possible, try to follow the wishes of your loved one. And if possible, let your own family know your wishes so that they can feel comfortable making the decision when the time comes.

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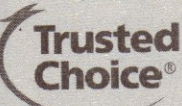
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FUND BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2022

20,245,269.84

REVENUES:

STATE
FEDERAL
LOCAL
OTHER

24,726,950.35
7,372,443.08
8,327,825.17
98,451.49

TOTAL REVENUES

40,525,670.09

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:

FUND TRANSFERS IN
OTHER SOURCES

650,850.27
2,567,107.96

TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

3,217,958.23

TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES

43,743,628.32

EXPENDITURES:

INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE
AUXILIARY SERVICES
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
CAPITAL OUTLAY
DEBT SERVICES:

20,116,518.91
5,171,783.59
2,947,391.22
4,334,529.69
1,635,838.91
5,279,077.00

PRINCIPAL
INTEREST
OTHER DEBT SERVICES

465,096.59
533,407.46
0.00

OTHER EXPENDITURES
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

870,532.53

41,354,175.90

OTHER FUND USES:

FUND TRANSFERS OUT
OTHER FUND USES
TOTAL OTHER FUND USES

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TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FUND USES

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ENDING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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Coffee County School System
FY2023 Schedule of Debt

Original Amount	Year Borrowed	Anticipated Date of Liquidation	FY2023 Principal Paid	FY2023 Interest Paid	Balance remaining as of 9/30/23	Revenue and Fund Source used for payment	Description/Purpose of Debt	Lender
\$1,235,114.64	2014	2026	\$117,185.52	\$20,386.48	\$349,136.80	Public School Funds	Capital Improvement Refunding Bond	PSCA
\$614,859.26	2015	2029	\$58,244.39	\$20,783.30	\$370,775.24	Public School Funds	Capital Improvement Refunding Bond	PSCA
\$3,752,000.00	2009 QSCB	2025	\$0.00	\$69,974.80	\$2,914,920.93	Public School Funds	Capital Improvement Bond	PSCA
\$996,300.00	2011 QZAB	2026	\$0.00	\$2,281.20	\$763,174.57	Local Funds	Capital Improvement Bond	PSCA
\$1,245,000.00	2017 QZAB	2032	\$83,000.00	\$0.00	\$747,000.00	Local Funds	Capital Improvement Bond	Regions Bank
\$14,110,000.00	2020 WARRANT	2045	\$206,606.66	\$416,981.68	\$13,384,999.94	Local Funds	Capital Improvement Bond/Warrant	Wilmington Trust
\$21,953,273.90			\$465,096.59	\$533,407.46	\$18,530,007.48			

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Ken Wilson, Pastor

Westside Baptist Church

A Brush With "Broadway Joe"

At one time or another something extraordinary happens to all of us. We meet somebody famous, accomplish something no one else has ever done, or encounter something we can't explain. Unfortunately, many times we don't realize how extraordinary it is until it is over. This happened to me once, and after it was all over, I had no way to prove it ever occurred.

Jim Meggs and I had the same birthday. We always thought that was pretty cool, so we called ourselves "birthday brothers". Jim was a great friend; he "went for Alabama," and he taught me my first curse word in 3rd grade. I think we even had a joint birthday party at Jim's house one year. It wasn't that great because all the guests just brought two of the same present. The lack of variety in gifts can kill a party, especially for seven year olds.

Every year we would do something special around our birthday. My mom would take us to McDonald's, or we might go riding on his sisters' horses. One year I got to go home from school with Jim on Friday and spend the night. The year we turned eight, Jim's dad checked us out of school and took us to Tuscaloosa to watch "the Crimson Tide" practice football.

To say the least, Jim and I were excited. We were going to see our football heroes on the practice field as they prepared themselves to be superhuman on Saturdays. It was all we could do to contain ourselves as we drove down the interstate to Tuscaloosa.

We got there and walked out onto the practice field in amazement. They were all there. All the names we heard on the radio each week were standing there in person. Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was in his tower watching over the field, almost larger than life. It was a great birthday present for a southern boy of any age.

As we watched the team practice, I noticed someone at one end of the field working with all the quarterbacks. He wasn't wearing the same shirt that all the coaches were wearing, but I could tell he was important by the way people were listening to him. Just then, I heard Jim's dad say "that's Broadway Joe, boys." Suddenly I realized that it was Joe Namath. I couldn't believe it! Joe Namath, the most famous quarterback to ever play the game, was right there in front of me.

I continued to watch him as he walked over and talked to Coach Bryant. My daze was broken when Jim asked if I wanted to play some catch. I turned and began throwing the football with Jim. We threw passes to each other as practice began to wind down. As I ran a post pattern I saw someone leaving the field in our direction. Jim over threw me and the ball rolled right over to the person I had seen leaving the field.

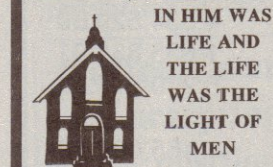
We both froze in our tracks as "Broadway Joe" reached down and picked up our ball. I managed to somehow move my arms, that suddenly felt like cement, and catch the twenty yard wrist pass that he flipped back to me with a smile. I turned and looked at Jim to make sure he had seen what had happened. He was already trying to get a pen and paper from his dad for an autograph.

Quickly I turned back toward Mr. Namath to ask for his autograph, but he was gone; he had already disappeared into the tunnel that led to the locker room. Spectators weren't allowed in the locker room so, my brush with "Broadway Joe" was over as quickly as it started.

As we walked back to the car, the magnitude of what had happened hit me. I had caught a pass from Joe Namath. Not everybody could say that. Jim couldn't say that, in fact Jim didn't even see me catch it. I had absolutely no proof that it had ever happened. My friend didn't see it, I didn't get an autograph, and Joe Namath had probably forgotten about it as soon as he got out of sight. I, however, knew it had happened and I would never forget it. I couldn't wait to get home and tell my dad. I've always wished I could meet "Broadway Joe" and ask him if he remembers throwing a pass to a little kid in Tuscaloosa about 45 or 46 years ago. He probably wouldn't remember it but, I always will.

The same sort of thing happened to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. They didn't recognize Jesus as they walked and talked with Him but, "then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and He disappeared from their sight" (Luke 24:31). They were so excited they couldn't wait to tell their friends, so they turned around and walked all the way back to Jerusalem.

Sooner or later something extraordinary happens to all of us. I caught a pass from Joe Namath, but that pales in comparison to meeting Jesus and giving Him my life.



IN HIM WAS
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ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

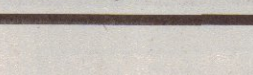
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST SCOTT DONALDSON, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Marvin Luckett Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glennwood, AL
Sunday Prayer... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Heath Fountain, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Tom & Barbara Davis, Interim Pastors
Sunday School... 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Time... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.

Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE

W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Ed Russell, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH

Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC

James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed. 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Allen Dieas, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH

Kerry Saxon, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME CHURCH

James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Leon Fortune, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Great Commission. Mark 16:15

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Shanika Pruitt/Kids, N.L.C. Carlisle Church Family, Gladys Wright, Nicole Duncan, Afreenee Kelley, Connie Bones, Christina Timberlake

October Birthdays

Jason Gulley 10/22
Kayla Harrison 10/26
Aretha Wright 10/26
Stefan Caldwell 10/26
Sherri Belcher 10/26
Jerry and Mary Nell McMillian 10/27 W.A.
Dallas Luckett 10/28

Substitutes

When parents leave their child for a short time, they trust a babysitter in their place. The babysitter provides for the child's care, and the two may enjoy a close relationship. Despite any mutual affection, the care of the child reverts to the parents when they return. The nature of the relationship between parent and child is of a wholly different order than a bond between babysitter and child. The babysitter is a temporary substitute.

The Old Testament Law was something like a babysitter. It served to care for humanity until Jesus could come to renew the bond between heavenly Father and earthly children. As a babysitter is temporarily

responsible for enforcing the parents' desires for their child, the Old Testament Law enforced God's desires by pointing out sin. The roles of Melchizedek, Abraham, Moses, Aaron, etc., can remind us that the old covenant law was never intended to be permanent. It was established as "our schoolmaster" (again, Galatians 3:24) until Jesus came to do all that the law itself could not (3:25 - 4:7). - L.M.W.

Q/A for the Week of 10/26/23
Multiple Choice
Q: In the Book of Luke, what relative of Mary's was pregnant at the same time she was? (Hannah, Susanna, Elisabeth)
A: Elisabeth [Luke 1:36]
Q: What attitude should all the earth have toward the Lord? (mystery, joy, fear)
A: Fear [Psalm 33:8]

Thought to Remember
In God there is fullness of Life, without Him only existance

Questions for the Week of 11/2/23
Fill in the Blanks
Q: Isaiah teachers that those who trust God will mount up with wings as

Q: In Old Testament times, God speaks to by the

Q: An Angel appeared to Zacharias while he was in the

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

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Church Directory

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Lorelei Flowers, Minister
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE

LIFESTYLES



Elba Lodge #170 had a special call meeting on Friday, October 13, for a Master Mason degree. The brethren enjoyed a great meal and fellowship before the degree work. After dinner, Brother Kenneth Bridge Harrison was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It was a great way to start the weekend!



Elba's Class of '73 plans fun weekend for Homecoming

The Elba High School Class of 1973 is celebrating its 50 year class reunion this Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, during homecoming weekend in Elba.

The committee has sent many letters and forms to the classmates listed in the 1973 annual. Events are planned for both days and much fun to be had. Clasmates are making efforts to find anyone who might have gone to school with this class whether they graduated or not and those transferred to Elba to our class.

If you are one of our classmates, or know of someone, please contact Debra Coon Rivera, 334-806-5793, email Debimimi3@aol.com. Go Tigers!

Also, the Class of '73 will host the band, The Wingnuts, from Pell City, Ala., Saturday, Oct. 28, from 3-5 p.m., in concert at the Elba High School auditorium. Tickets are \$25 and this is open to all.

Some former Kleinert's of Elba employees gathered Tuesday, Oct. 19, at Shane's Rib Shack in Enterprise for lunch. The group enjoyed good food and telling stories from the past. Those pictured include: (left side) Warren Axtan, Jack Mullinax, and Van McCall; and (right side) Terry Calhoun, James Roth, and Harry Young.



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"Come Home, It's Suppertime" folklife play set to take stage in November


Tickets are now on sale for the Celebration Season of "Come Home, It's Suppertime" Alabama's Official Folklife Play at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge, November 2,3 and 4 and 9, 10 and 11.

Everyone is invited to be a part of the 20-years' celebration of the original folklife play that tells true stories of life during the Great Depression.

Tickets are \$30 and include the preshow, the award-winning, two-act play and a family-style, country supper.

Lawrence Bowden, president of the sponsoring Brundidge Historical Society, said the year 20023 will be the 20th anniversary of the original folklife play that shares true stories of those who lived through Hard Times in rural South Alabama. "I want to tell about Hard Times and those who lived them," Bowden said. "And that the songs they have heard will be with them in the coming days as a reminder of way back when." For tickets or more information, call 334-685-5524.

"All the stories in 'Come Home, It's Suppertime' are told as they were told by those who milled around in



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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: The Estate of BARBARA HENDERSON, Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2023-076

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Monica Henderson, as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara Henderson, deceased, on the 10th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Gypsy Morrow Smith
Gypsy Morrow Smith (MOR100)
Attorney for Executrix
119 E. Three Notch Street
Andalusia, Alabama 36420
(334) 222-8220
10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-070

IN THE MATTER OF CLEVELAND BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Emma Clark on the 10th day of October 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of October 2023.

Emma Clark
Personal Representative
10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JUDY KELLEY SIMMONS, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2023-059

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Mary Shannon Anderson, as Administrator of the Estate of Judy Kelley Simmons, deceased, on the 4th day of June, 2023, by Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate for Coffee County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate of Judy Kelley Simmons are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: PATTY SUE SASSER, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC 2023-060

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of PATTY SUE SASSER, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of October, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred.

/s/ Dennis Paul Sasser
DENNIS PAUL SASSER
Personal Representative
10/19,26&11/2-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-071

IN THE MATTER OF VERA MAE BROWN, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Emma Clark on the 10th day of October 2023 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the 10th day of October 2023.

Emma Clark
Personal Representative
10/19,26&11/2-pd.

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPAA-HSIP-0189(535) COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on November 03, 2023 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Safety Widening, Planing, Resurfacing, and Traffic Stripe on SR-189 from the junction of Reese Avenue to the junction of SR-12 (US-84) in Elba. Length 0.931 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty (30) Working Days.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$6.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$528,742 To \$646,241.

The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4

and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
10/19,26 & 11/2-chg

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Roof Replacement and Installation Services

The Elba Housing Authority invites experienced and qualified contractors who specialize in roofing replacement and installation to submit proposals for the replacement of roofs at two properties located in Elba, Alabama: 710 Kennedy Drive and 716 Roosevelt Drive.

Qualifications and Requirements:

- **eVerify Compliance:** Bidders must be cleared through eVerify, verifying their legal eligibility to work in the United States
- **Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates:** Contractors must comply with Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates for the duration of the project.
- **Section 3 Compliance:** Contractors must comply with Section 3 requirements as defined in the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, which provides opportunities for low-income individuals to be employed or receive training in connection with projects funded by HUD.

- **Insurance:** The winning bidder must provide copies of current general liability insurance with an endorsement in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate limit prior to starting work on the project. Additionally, copies of Worker's Compensation insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per accident or proof of exemption from Worker's Compensation insurance in the state of Alabama must be submitted. Plans and job specifications can be reviewed in-person at our Administrative Offices located at 1207 North Claxton Avenue, Elba, Alabama.

The scope of work includes:

- Installation of new 24 GA, paint finished, galvalume steel metal roof panels over the existing felt and composition shingles.
- Replacement of all roof jacks.
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- Keeping metal roofs swept and clear of debris, including metal filings and shavings.
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Timeline:

- Proposal Due Date: November 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
- Notification of Winning Bidder: November 8, 2023
- Commencement of Work: November 13, 2023
- Project Completion Deadline: December 15, 2023

Interested and qualified contractors are invited to submit their proposals to the Elba Housing Authority no later than November 7, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.. Please direct all inquiries and submissions to:

Elba Housing Authority
Attn: Laurie Chapman
Address: 1207 North Claxton Avenue; Elba, Alabama 36323
Phone: 334-897-2737
Email: elbaha@elbahousing.org

The Elba Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities, and to accept the proposal that is in the best interest of the Elba Housing Authority.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon continues to take his time learning to walk, but recently we went with him to a pumpkin patch and he insisted someone hold his hand so he could walk just like the other kids that were running around having fun. We think the fact he was on soft grass was another factor in his sudden desire to walk, but either way, I keep telling his Mom that when he starts walking he will never slow down.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers chalked up their second straight big region win over big winners last week with a four-touchdown win on the road over Florala, and overcame 14 penalties that were walked off along with more than their share of mistakes to remain unbeaten. The explosive Elba offense, led by Alvin Henderson and Cayden Adkins, rolled up almost 470 yards rushing and scored on almost every position, while the defense surrendered a lot of yardage through the air and a season high four touchdowns, but did make some big plays and shut down Florala's running game. When a team is winning big every week it can be hard to stay focused. However, Coach Sieving told me over the weekend that the coaches had a plan to get everyone back in line as the Tigers begin a run toward a possible title. I believe the coach has everything under control and look for Elba to settle back down and play like champions in the weeks to come.

*** It was a so-so week for the teams in the area as New Brockton and Brantley both won, while Zion Chapel and Kinston dropped region battles. Here's a quick look back at the week that was.... New Brockton jumped out to an early 22-0 lead and held on late to escape with a solid 30-26 road win over Ashford. The Gamecocks have laid the foundation for a winning future and their ability to hold on and survive on the road was definitely a big positive in turning things around. Brantley got back some of its walking wounded last week and coasted to a 38-7 road win over Pleasant Home. The Bulldogs had five touchdown passes as they were able to open back up the offense, and played hard on defense with what was a renewed winning attitude. Kinston saw an early lead vanish in a 46-19 loss to McKenzie and again simply didn't have enough athletes to win all four quarters. The Bulldogs play hard and play with pride, and even though they don't always win they make their fans proud to wear the orange and blue. Zion Chapel went toe-to-toe with undefeated Cottonwood for all four quarters in a 35-20 region loss that at times looked more like a fight in a phone booth. Both teams were physical and tried to impose their wills on each other, and in the end Cottonwood came out and turned back the Rebel war machine.

*** It was another exciting week across the state filled with upsets and blowouts as 13 teams scored sixty points, or more, led by Madison Academy's 74-0 win over Brindlee Mountain. The biggest upset was Spain Park's 50-29 romp over Hewitt-Trussville, while Fyffe reminded folks it was still very much alive and well as it scored at least 47 points for the seventh straight week and has now been ranked in the sports writer's poll for 161 straight weeks. On the flip side, Luverne lost for the third straight week, but still clinched its 41st straight playoff appearance, Columbia saw its losing streak reach 80 games, and Barbour County lost its 65th straight region contest. In other statewide news.... Class 1A - The cream rose to the top as all ten ranked teams posted wins, led by #1 Leroy 42-16 over Fruitdale, #2 Elba 56-28 over Florala and #3 Sweet Water 48-6 over Marengo. Closer to home, Georgiana got back on track with a 56-7 romp past Red Level. Class 2A - The top two teams rolled along as B.B. Comer clobbered Coosa Central 59-7 and #2 Highland Home blanked LaFayette 41-0, while Fyffe reminded everyone it was still a team to keep an eye on as it has now scored 47 points or more in every game since a season opening loss. Closer to home, Reeltown hammered Luverne 40-13, Goshen embarrassed Lanett 61-14, Arifton outscored Wicksburg 49-42 and Pike Lib was no match as it fell to Marianna 42-14. Class 3A - Nine of the top ten teams won, but top-ranked Mars Hill was knocked off by Lauderdale County 20-14. Closer to home, Houston Academy dropped Opp 49-20, Straughn ripped Northside Methodist 56-21 and Daleville shocked Providence Christian 20-15. Class 4A - All the ranked teams in this class continued to roll along, led by top-ranked Andalusia, which battled past B.T. Washington 27-6; #2 Cherokee County, which spanked Etowah 49-0; and, Montgomery Catholic, which recorded its seventh shutout in a 63-0 win over Dale County. Closer to home, Geneva surprised Bullock County 30-20, and Montgomery

Academy dumped Slocomb 53-20. Class 5A - Two teams in the top ten fell to defeat, while #2 Ramsay thumped Hayden 45-0 and #3 Clay Central blasted Beauregard 49-7. Closer to home, Carroll outscored Greenville 35-32, Charles Henderson humbled Headland 35-14 and Eufaula downed Rehobeth 17-6. Class 6A - Only one ranked team lost, with #2 Clay-Chalkville rolling over Oxford 28-14 and #3 Hillcrest pounding Paul Bryant 60-13. Class 7A - Two of the teams in the top 10 lost, while top-ranked Central of Phenix City dropped Auburn 41-20 and #3 Thompson blanked Tuscaloosa County 39-0. Closer to home, Enterprise moved up in the region standings with a 28-14 win over Opelika. Also in 7A, Huffman lost to Pell City 68-0 and now in nine games has been outscored 522-0! *** It was also a so-so week for college teams in the state as Alabama rallied to battle past Tennessee 34-20 and Auburn lost at home to Ole Miss 28-21. The Crimson Tide seemed to be on the verge of drying up in the first half as it trailed 20-7 at intermission, but the Tide rolled back in over the final two quarters and swamped the Vols 27-0 to complete the improbable comeback. While there is no doubt both the Bama players and coaches are improving each and every week, the Tide is still very much a work in progress and every opponent on the schedule will provide a stiff test. Up on the Plains, the honeymoon between the Tiger fans and Coach Hugh Freeze may be over as the fans literally booed the offense off the field a couple of times in its homefield loss. The Tiger defense keeps Auburn in games, but the offense just seems to get worse and last week some of the play calling drew the ire of the Auburn faithful. Look for some changes on the sidelines as well as on the field in weeks to come.

*** Many of the founding members of the AISA continued to jump ship last week as four more schools were accepted into the Alabama High School Athletic Association for the coming year. The latest schools to make the jump in athletics were Autauga Academy, Pickens Academy, Lee Scott and Glenwood. It is believed that Autauga Academy and Pickens Academy will both be 1A teams in the AHSAA, while Lee Scott and Glenwood are expected to be in Class 3A. Schools in the AHSAA are reclassified every two years, with the new classifications for the fall sports to be announced December 18. The AISA have 33 schools that are playing football this fall, but will now drop by four members beginning next season and two years later will see Fort Dale make the move. I wish the AHSAA and AISA would sit down and discuss the possibility of combining and finally having separate classes for private schools and public schools. I don't look for it to happen any time soon, but having to compete against private schools just doesn't seem fair, especially in the lower classes.

*** Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator emailed me his picks again this week and after hitting on 28 of his 30 picks a week ago does seem to be getting on a roll at just the right time. The local guesspert wrote that there are a number of toss-ups this week, but declared he is confident of another winning week, and here is this week's fearless forecast....

ELBA VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Pea River felines will be looking to put on a show for the alumni this week at homecoming and let them head to their parties a little earlier than usual after posting another big win. It was a hard week of work for the felines despite their perfect record, and that should lead to a lopsided region win.

ELBA 48 PLEASANT HOME 7

In Homecoming clash

Tigers host Pleasant Home

The Elba Tigers will be looking to clinch a region title and give a homecoming crowd plenty to cheer about Friday night when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles, on Mack Wood Field.

The Tigers will bring an 8-0 record into the region clash and boast a 3-0 series edge over the Eagles, including a 48-6 win last season, while Pleasant Home will bring a 1-7 record into the game.

"One of our goals prior to the start of the season was to win the region title and we can mark that one off the list Friday night," stated Elba head coach Marc Sieving. "We work hard every week to improve what we do and that has been the mindset again this week. We know Pleasant Home is a little down and has struggled for much of the season, but the scoreboard will read 0-0 Friday night when we kick it off and that means that records really mean nothing once the game starts."

Elba has averaged 48 points a game and allowed 12 points a game this season is rolling to eight straight wins, while Pleasant Home will carry a seven-game losing streak into the region match-up after opening the season with a 42-16 win over A.L. Johnson.

"Pleasant Home has a couple of athletes that can really play," added Coach Sieving, "and it only takes one or two players to combine to make big plays. Our players enjoy playing football and I am sure they will enjoy all the things that come with homecoming. While we want them to enjoy the week and the game, it is our job to win the ballgame and to do that we will need to keep our mind on playing football and doing our job. We all know the region title is on the line, and that should be enough for the players to be ready to play

BRANTLEY VS. RED LEVEL

The bulldogs up across the river all found their way back to the pound last week after a couple of big dogs that had been missing came back home, and the 'pack is back' as they focus on their final two games and the playoffs. It may not be a good week for the kitties from Covington County to try and sneak up on the dogs. BRANTLEY 46 RED LEVEL 12

KINSTON VS. FLORALA

The bulldogs from down near the county line have been getting ready to try and catch a litter of kitties from down near the state line, and this week will get the chance to see if they indeed can catch the high-powered kitties. The guess here is no, but the dogs may hang closer than many expect. FLORALA 38 KINSTON 18

ZION CHAPEL VS. ABBEVILLE

The troops from up at Fort Jack were in a bad mood all week after letting some bears slip out of their traps last weekend and will be looking to close the season with a big win over a swarm of yellowjackets. If the troops can avoid getting stung early on they should march back home with a big win. ZION CHAPEL 28 ABBEVILLE 16

NEW BROCKTON VS. HEADLAND

The roosters from over behind the warehouse will be looking to jump on a flock of rams that will no doubt be in an ornery mood after a disappointing loss a week ago. The roosters will be ready and will leave their mark, but the guess here is the rams may be just a little too tough. HEADLAND 42 NEW BROCKTON 12

OTHER PICKS:

- Leroy 29 Millry 27
- McKenzie 32 Houston County 20
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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Cameron Gray (21) takes the football away from a Florala defender to spoil an interception attempt in last week's 56-28 win.



Elba Tiger Ty Sieving (5) closes in for a tackle on a Wildcat runner in last week's 56-28 region road win over Florala.

Grab big region road win

Elba Tigers claw Wildcats 56-28

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Elba Tigers scored three touchdowns in the first quarter to overcome an early six-point deficit and never looked back to post a big 56-28 region road win over the Floral Wildcats, Friday night at Matthews Stadium, in Floral.

Elba turned the ball over on its initial offensive series of the game and Florala quickly cashed in the turnover when Rayshon Coleman tossed a backwards pass to Greyson West, who then lofted a pass to a wide open Jonathan Neal for a 55-yard touchdown toss. The extra-point sailed wide, but with 8:27 left in the first quarter Florala was on top 6-0.

Elba didn't stay behind for long; however, as the Tigers began their ensuing series at the Florala 40-yardline after a 16-yard kickoff return by Cayden Adkins and from there needed only three plays to reach the endzone. The score came on a 21-yard scamper by Alvin Henderson, and Alex Wisecup kicked the extra-point to give the Tigers the lead at 7-6 with 7:09 left in the quarter.

Elba began its next possession at the Florala 25-yardline after a short punt and quickly extended its lead when on the third play of the series Alvin Henderson scored on an 18-yard run. Wisecup added the extra-point as the Tigers lead grew to 14-6 with 3:40 remaining in the quarter.

Elba recovered an on-sides kick on the ensuing kickoff and went 45 yards in five plays to stretch its early advantage. Alvin Henderson rushed for 40 yards on four carries and scored his third td of the quarter on a 1-yard run, while Wisecup's extra-point was true as the Tigers took a 21-6 lead with 1:59 still left in the opening stanza.

Elba began his next possession at its own 15-yardline after a Wildcat punt and went 85 yards in four plays and overcame a major distance penalty to take command. Alvin Henderson rushed for 93 yards on three carries to lead the Tigers down the field and scored his fourth touchdown of the half on a 53-yard dash. Wisecup's extra-point split the up-rights as Elba's lead went to 28-6 with 8:44 remaining in the second quarter.

Floralia began its ensuing possession at its own 35-yardline and with the aid of 30 yards in penalties against Elba drove 65 yards in nine plays to cut into the Elba lead. Rayshon Coleman rushed for 26 yards and scored the Wildcat touchdown on a 6-yard run, and while a two-point pass kissed its target, Elba's lead stood at 28-12 with 2:28 left in the quarter.

Elba put the ball in play at its own 37-yardline after the ensuing kickoff and needed only two plays to cover the 63 yards to the endzone as on second down Alvin Henderson broke loose and raced 57 yards for his fifth td of the half. Alex Wiscup kicked the extra-point, and at the half the Tigers went in with a 35-12 advantage.

Elba received the second half kickoff and went 45 yards in two plays to remain in command. Cayden Adkins rushed for 45 yards on two carries and scored on a 36-yard run to reach the endzone, and Wisecup added the extra-point to push the Tigers lead to 42-12 with 11:10 left in the third quarter.

Floralta kept the ball for over nine minutes on its next possession before being stopped by the Elba defense, but got the ball back at its own 35-yardline after a defensive stand, and this time went 65 yards in 11 plays to get back into the endzone. Rayshon Coleman completed 4 of 8 passes for 75 yards during the march, and capped the



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) kicks up grass as he heads downfield. Henderson rushed for 360 yards and 7 touchdowns in last week's 56-28 region road win over Florala.



Elba Tiger Brayden Johnson (12) delivers a crushing sack to Floralá quarterback in last week's 56-28 region win.

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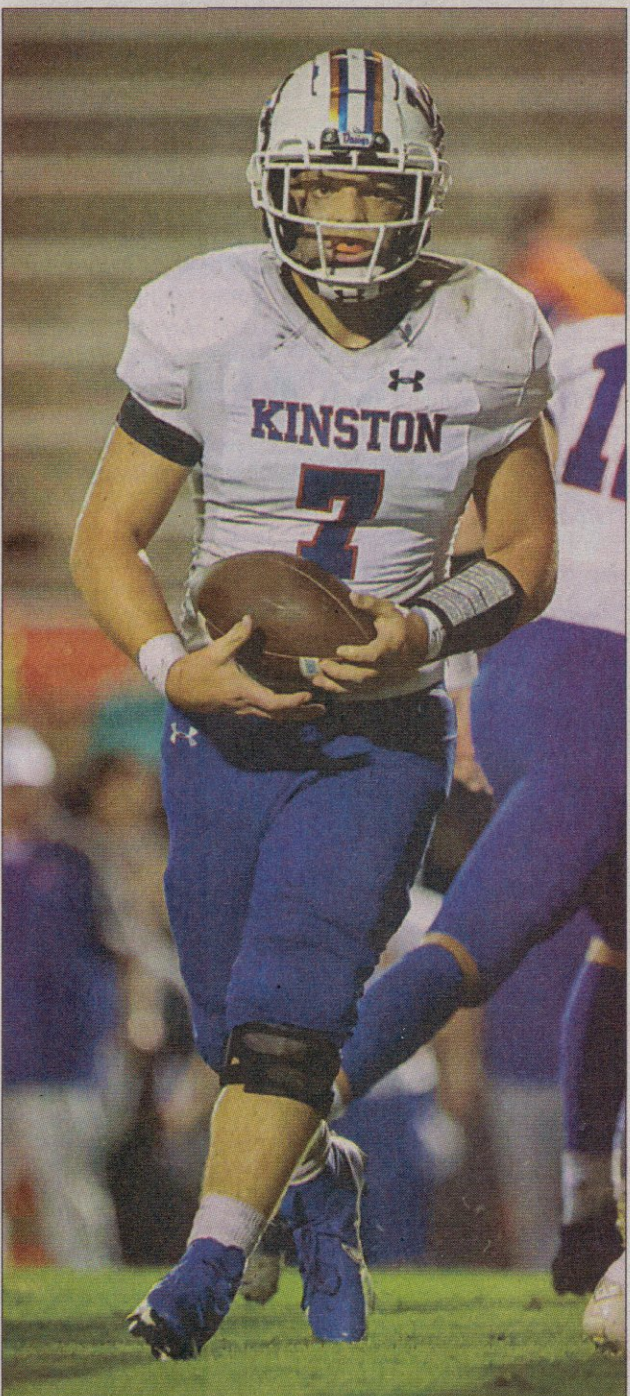
SPORTS NEWS



Brantley Bulldog Cooper Layton (7) pulled in a 37-yard touchdown pass in last week's big 38-7 region road win over Pleasant Home.



Zion Chapel Rebel Samuel Wambles (73) gets ready to explain his side of the story to a Bears defender in last week's action.



Kinston Bulldog Brodie Walker (7) caught a 22-yard touchdown pass in last week's 46-19 region loss to the McKenzie.

Brantley cages Eagles 38-8

Statistics from MaxPreps
Photos by Cody Nichols

The Brantley Bulldogs returned to the football field Friday night after a week off and snapped a two-game losing streak with a solid 38-7 region road win over the Pleasant Home Eagles.

Jayden Parks made his first start of the season at quarterback after a preseason injury and made the most of his return as he passed for 218 yards and 5 touchdowns, with Daylan Davis pulling in td passes of 20 and 37 yards, Jatavis McMeans hauling in a 21-yard td toss, Cooper Layton catching a 37-yard scoring pass, and Thomas Williamson having a 15-yard td catch.

Davis caught 4 passes for 80 yards and two touchdowns to pace the Bulldog receivers and Axton Saunders had 3 catches for 63 yards.

The Bulldog defense was sparked by Kendrick Welch with 7 tackles, including 3 tackles for losses, while A.J. Kilpatrick had 2 tackles, including 1 tackle for a loss and 1 sack, and Tyson Grant with 1 tackle for a loss and 1 sack.

Brantley rolled up 376 yards in total offense, with 125 yards rushing and 251 yards passing, while Pleasant Home managed only 80 yards in total offense with 76 yards on the ground and 4 yards passing.

Brantley will host Red Level Friday night in a region clash, at David Lowery Stadium.

Rebels fall to Bears 35-20

Statistics from combined reports
Photos by Amanda Clark

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a hard fought 35-20 region loss to the undefeated and seventh-ranked Cottonwood Bears.

Mason Stuart tossed touchdowns passes to Hayden Speckert and Kavan Brown, and also had a pass for a two-point conversion to lead the Rebels, while Micah Fuller completed a halfback pass to Jojo LeGear for 58 yards and a touchdown.

King Campbell rushed for 92 yards and two touchdowns in 10 carries to lead the Bears, while Braylon Morris added 55 yards and one td rushing on nine carries and Kylin Hudson added a touchdown run.

Zion Chapel had 275 yards of total offense in the loss, with 186 yards passing and 89 yards on the ground. Cottonwood rolled up 290 yards in total offense, with 290 yards rushing and 5 yards in the air.

Zion Chapel will close its season next week looking for win number five with a road trip to Abbeville.

Kinston bit by Tigers 46-19

Statistics by W.J. Adcock
Photos by BC Sports Photography

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a 13-7 second quarter lead turn into a 33-13 halftime deficit and never recovered in a disappointing 46-19 region road loss to the McKenzie Tigers.

Kinston came out ready to play in the region battle and after an early punt drove 42 yards in 12 plays to grab an early lead. Brant McCollough rushed for 20 yards and passed for 22 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, with the score coming on a 22-yard touchdown toss from McCollough to Brodie Walker. Marcus Free kicked the extra-point as Kinston went on top 7-0 with 4:32 left in the first quarter.

McKenzie pulled even at 7-7 with 11:47 remaining in the second quarter on an 8-yard run by Jayden McMillan and the extra-point by Jaylen McMillan, but Kinston came right back and regained the lead when Michael Maschek picked off a Tiger toss and returned the interception 97 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed; however, with 6:14 left in the quarter Kinston was back on top 13-7.

The final six minutes of the half proved to be fatal to any Kinston victory hopes as McKenzie exploded to score 26 straight points to go in at the half with a 33-13 lead!

The Tiger touchdowns all came via the airways on a 40-yard pass from Jaylen McMillan to Johnny Davison, a 35-yard pass from McMillan to Jah'marren Jackson, a 4-yard pass from McMillan to Skylar Sanders and a 37-yard pass from McMillan to Jackson.

McKenzie added one touchdown in the third quarter on a 58-yard run by Jayden McMillan to push its lead to 39-13, and took a 46-13 lead early in the fourth quarter on a 72-yard pass from Jaylen McMillan to Clayton Martin.

Kinston battled until the final horn and added to their point total with 2-seconds left on the clock on a 6-yard run by Judd Green, but it was too little, too late as the Bulldogs dropped the 46-19 road loss.

Colby Tew rushed for 125 yards on 23 carries to lead Kinston on the ground, while Brant McCollough added 42 yards on 11 carries and completed 5 of 11 passes for 49 yards and one touchdown, and CJ Lunsford rushed for 17 yards on two carries, caught two oases for 15 yards and completed 1 of 3 passes for 6 yards.

Jaylen McMillan completed 7 of 8 passes for 209 yards and 4 touchdowns to spark the McKenzie offensive attack.

Kinston will host Florala Friday night in a region match-up between two longtime rivals.



Brantley Bulldog Daylan Davis (4) leads the Bulldogs onto the field. Davis caught 4 passes for 80 yards and 2 td's in last week's win.



Zion Chapel High School Marching Band drum major leads his band at halftime.



Kinston High School Marching Band member performs at halftime.

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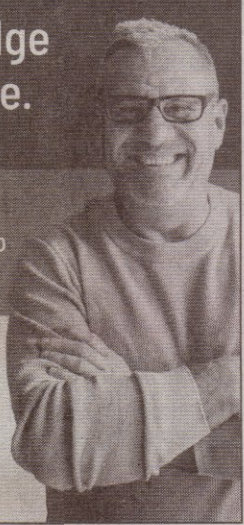
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Elba Lady Tigers placed second at last week's Class 1A, Area 1 volleyball tournament to advance to this week's Super Regional tournament at the Sportsplex in Montgomery for the first time in over a decade. Team members pictured above include: (sitting) Sidney Siler and (standing) Jah'Haira Walker, Mary-Brooklyn O'Neal, Mary Kelley, Keelie Moseley, Brooke Tinsley, Kendra Juarez, Haylee Tucker, A'Lyric Whitfield, Taylor Day, and Aubrey Wisecup.

Elba Lady Tigers punch ticket to Super Regional at Montgomery

The Elba Lady Tigers fell one win short of bringing home the area tournament championship trophy last week at the Class 1A, Area 1 volleyball tournament in Kinston, but did place second at the tournament and for the first time on over a decade punched their ticket to compete at this year's Class 1A Super Region Tournament, in Montgomery.

The Lady Tigers swept past Houston County 25-23, 25-16, 25-18 to reach the tournament finals, but after winning the first set 25-23 over Kinston, dropped the next three sets 21-25, 18-25, 16-25, to settle for runner-up honors.

"We were all

disappointed that we didn't win the tournament," admitted Lady Tiger head coach Melissa Mularz, "but we are still very much a work in progress and just have to watch the tape to see where we made mistakes and work at practice to improve as individual players and as a team. One of our goals at the start of the season was to win the area and make the trip to Montgomery, and we did finish the regular season as co-champs and will be in Montgomery this week. So, we are headed in the right direction."

"At Super Region we will be in strange surroundings with multiple courts in a large arena with games being played on all sides,"

added Coach Mularz. "The environment can be intimidating to teams that make it to the tournament for the first time, but we are looking forward to the trip and the chance to grow as a team. The court will be the same size as every court we have played on all season and we will have a plan to win every time we take the court. To make it to this level of play is quite an accomplishment. However, we aren't going to just say we made it. We are going with the goal to win the tournament and put Lady Tiger volleyball on the map."

The Lady Tigers will tip-off region play on Thursday morning at 11:30, against Millry.



Kinston Lady Bulldogs claimed the tournament title at last week's Class 1A, Area 1 volleyball tournament and will begin play at this week's Super Regional tournament Thursday at 10:15 against Fruitdale. Those pictured above include: (front) Gracie Rhoades, Baylee Smith, Aubrie Brown, and Madison Lolley; (back) Tori Pettis, Makynlea Cain, Coach Suzanne Elmore, Rylie Rhoades, Bella Lashley, Lilli Sumblin, Coach Tiffany Johnson, Brynne Kelley, and Chloe Phillips.

PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The high school football season reaches week nine this Friday night with all four area teams in action, including three teams that will be in region action.

Following is a preview of this week's action:

Zion Chapel at Abbeville

The (4-5) Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to even their record at 5-5 Friday night when they travel to Abbeville to battle the (1-8) Abbeville Yellow Jackets.

Abbeville leads the short series 2-1, with Zion Chapel winning last season 22-16.

The Rebels will be looking to close the season with a win and post the most wins in a season since back in 2019, while the Yellow Jackets have won a total of only six games the last three seasons combined and this season have allowed their opponents to average 40 points a game.

Headland at New Brockton

The (2-6) New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking for their second straight win Friday night when they host the 5A (6-2) Headland Rams.

Headland holds a 1-0 advantage in the brief series and last season rolled to a 34-14 win.

The Gamecocks, which have averaged 21 points a game over the last three weeks, will be looking to pull off what would be a shocking upset, while the Rams have

already clinched a playoff berth in the 5A ranks and this season have scored an average of over 30 points per game.

Floralia at Kinston

The (2-6) Kinston Bulldogs will be back at home Friday night when they remain in region play with a clash against the (6-2) Florala Wildcats.

Floralia leads the all-time series 20-15 and last season posted a big 56-30 win.

The Bulldogs will be looking to snap a two-game losing streak and regain their identity on defense after allowing 38 points a game over the past two weeks, while the Wildcats will be looking to regain momentum after seeing their region title hopes vanish with a 56-28 loss to Elba last week.

Red Level at Brantley

The (4-4) Brantley Bulldogs will return home Friday night and will be looking to claim a region win when they host the (2-6) Red Level Tigers.

Brantley leads the long series 45-14 and last season rolled to a 34-6 win.

The Bulldogs snapped a three-game losing streak and scored a season high 37 points last week to claim a big region win, while the Tigers will be looking to pull off a huge upset and this season have allowed 40 points per game.

Elba Junior High tips off basketball season

The Elba Junior High Tigers and Lady Tigers tipped off their basketball season last week and it was an opening week of struggles as both teams failed to win a game in three outings.

Following is a recap of last week's games

BOYS:

Ariton 37 Elba 18 – The Elba Tigers tipped off their season with a 37-18 loss to Ariton. The Tigers trailed only 9-5 after one quarter, but were outscored 20-3 in the second quarter to fall behind 29-8 at the half and never recovered. Ky'Avian Stoudemire and Levi Martin both scored 4 points to lead the Tigers, while also scoring were Powell Bane 3, Kaleb Magwood 2, Cole Astemborski 2, Brison Burks 2 and Dylan Holley 1. Rhett Bryson scored 15 points and Bryce Johnson added 10 to lead Ariton.

Brantley 25 Elba 19 – The Elba Tigers carried a one-point lead into the fourth quarter, but scored only three points in the final stanza and watched as the Brantley Bulldogs rallied to claim a 25-19 win. Levi Martin scored 8 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ky'Avian Stoudemire 4, Laquatos Edwards 4 and Dylan Holley 3. Scoring for Brantley were Kelvin Freeman 8, Hank Johnson 7, K.J. Chambers 6 and Asa Blackmon 4.

Samson 36 Elba 31 – The Elba Tigers carried a 26-18 lead into the fourth quarter, but scored only two points in the quarter and then managed only one point in overtime in a disappointing 36-31 loss to Samson. Levi Martin and Laquatos Edwards scored 8 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Garrett Hill 5, Powell Bane 4 and Dylan Holley 2. Wyatt Sawyer and

Brady Woodham both scored 12 points to lead Samson.

GIRLS:

Ariton 28 Elba 10 – The Elba Lady Tigers tipped off their season with a 28-10 loss to Ariton. The Lady Tigers managed only one basket in the first half and trailed 14-2 at the half and they never recovered from the slow start. Andrea Johnson scored 6 points to lead the Lady Tigers, while Jabria Burks and Javonnice Williams both scored 2. Kam Kilpatrick and Natalie Beltran both scored 6 points for Ariton.

Brantley 37 Elba 16 – The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 37-16 loss to the Brantley Lady Bulldogs. Jabari Burks

scored 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Andrea Johnson 4 and Jadyn Caldwell 1. Scoring for Brantley were Coco Stamps 23, Dezire Stevens 11 and Keke Person 3.

Samson 24 Elba 11 – The Elba Lady Tigers scored a total of only six points in the final three quarters in a 24-11 loss to Samson. Javonnice Williams scored 9 points and Jabria Burks added 2 to lead the Lady Tigers, while Alberson and Smith scored 5 points, apiece, to lead Samson.

The Tigers and Lady Tigers will be back in action today (Thursday) at Samson, beginning at 4:30 with girl's action.

Statistics by Brandon White
Photos by Ashley Bertsch

The New Brockton Gamecocks jumped out to a commanding 22-0 halftime lead and turned back a determined Ashford Yellow Jacket rally to claim an exciting 30-22 region win Friday night, at Ashford.

New Brockton got a big break on the game's opening kickoff when Josiah Peterson jarred the ball loose from an Ashford return man and the Gamecocks Kyle GaVette recovered the fumble to put the Gamecocks in business. New Brockton cashed in the turnover on a 31-yard pass from Dawson Peacock to Baylon Foster, and Foster passed to Anthony Silar for the two-point conversion as New Brockton grabbed an 8-0 lead with 11:00 still left in the first quarter.

New Brockton began its next offensive series at midfield following a defensive stop and went 51 yards in six plays and used two pass interference penalties to add to its lead. Yassiah Rousseau capped the scoring drive with a 5-yard touchdown dash, and Caden Avalos added the extra-point as the Gamecocks lead went to 15-0 with 4:26 remaining in the quarter.

The New Brockton defense came up with another stop on Ashford's ensuing possession and the Gamecock offense continued to crowd as this time it went 55 yards in six plays to extend its lead. Dawson Peacock connected with Baylon Foster from 14 yards out for the touchdown toss, and Avalos added the extra-point to up New Brockton's lead to 22-0 with 10:57 remaining in the second quarter.

New Brockton carried the 22-0 lead into the half thanks to a dominating defensive performance, but Ashford came out determined to get back in the game in the third quarter and did just that as the Yellow Jackets scored on their first two



New Brockton Gamecock Baylon Foster (6) is off and running. Foster caught 5 passes for 140 yards and 3 touchdowns in last week's win.

possessions of the stanza to pull within 22-12. The first 'Jacket score came on a 60-yard run by Braylon Bigham with 9:04 left in the quarter, while the second touchdown came on a 2-yard run by Aaron Lewis, as the Yellow Jackets cut the New Brockton lead to 22-12 with 5:10 still left in the quarter.

Ashford continued its comeback early in the fourth quarter and chopped the Gamecocks lead to 22-20 with 11:51 remaining in the game on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Aaron Lewis to Tylan Peterman, and a two-point run by Lewis.

New Brockton had a quick answer for the third Ashford touchdown; however, as on the first play following the ensuing kickoff Dawson Peacock went back to the air and connected with Baylon Foster on a 71-yard touchdown toss. Foster passed to Rousseau for the two-point conversion, and with 11:31 remaining the Gamecocks lead was up to 30-20.

Ashford refused to throw

in the towel and scored with 5:29 left on the clock on a 10-yard pass from Lewis to Peterman to pull within 30-26. However, the Gamecocks were able to eat up over four minutes off the clock on their next possession, and then iced the win on a pass interception by Bryant Crumpler with 30-seconds left as New Brockton held on for the wild 30-26 win.

Dawson Peacock completed 7 of 12 passes, with two interceptions, for 170 yards and 3 touchdowns to spark the Gamecock offense, while Baylon Foster hauled in 5 passes for 140 yards and 3 td's, and Yassiah Rousseau rushed for 59 yards and one td on 21 carries.

Blake Peterson had 11 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Tanner West added 9 tackles, including one sack and two tackles for losses; Bryant Crumpler added 9 tackles, including two tackles for losses and a pass interception; and, Josiah Peterson added 5 tackles and two tackles for losses.



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